

November 7, 2013

Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart
Delaware Department of Insurance
841 Silver Lake Blvd.
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Commissioner Stewart:

As you know, nineteen members of the Workers Compensation Task Force wrote to you on October 14, 2013, and asked you to delay the beginning of this year's workers compensation rate-setting process until the Data Collection Committee had reviewed the medical cost information it should have received by state law on August 1, ordered any necessary insurance company examinations, and those examinations were completed. It is our understanding that the Data Collection Committee recently received the information it should have received on August 1, but that no examinations have yet been requested by the Committee or performed by the Department. It is very important that the Insurance Department not permit a workers compensation rate increase without having before it all of the medical cost information that was required by House Bill 175, a thorough review of that medical cost information, and the results of any formal examinations of individual carriers. Therefore, we would appreciate a response to our October 14, 2013 request at your earliest convenience. If you believe that the DCRB's consent is necessary to extend the time for consideration of the rate application, please inform us if its consent has been requested and what the DCRB's response has been.

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Delaware State Senator Patricia Blevins

Delaware State Representative Ruth Briggs-King

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Ed Capodanno, *Workers Compensation Task Force representative for Associated Builders & Contractors*

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